

SHB 2995 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5172.1/18) **1467**

By Representative Walsh

1 On page 42, after line 34 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** (1) The legislature finds that it is of
4 critical importance to promote the creation of jobs located in the
5 rural communities where many Washington residents prefer to live.

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7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 28.** A new section is added to chapter 15.04
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) By January 15, 2020, the department shall establish a pilot
10 program to create an omnibus permitting process for businesses that
11 process or engage in clean alternative fuels.

12 (2) The pilot project must consolidate the application process
13 for environmental and land use commonly required of clean
14 alternative fuels that are issued by state and local governments for
15 facility siting, operations, or both. The department must consider
16 including, at a minimum, the following as part of the omnibus permit
17 application process:

18 (a) Water discharge permits issued under chapter 90.48 RCW;

19 (b) Air emissions permits issued under chapter 70.94 RCW;

20 (c) Solid waste permits issued under chapter 70.95 RCW;

21 (f) Substantial development permits issued under chapter 90.58

22 RCW and hydraulic project approvals issued under chapter 77.55 RCW;

23 and

24 (g) Building permits issued by a local government.

25 (3) In administering the omnibus permit application, the
26 department must:

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1 (a) Coordinate with the office of regulatory assistance and the
2 state agencies and local governments responsible for issuing each
3 permit included in the omnibus permit, including the department of
4 ecology and the relevant county;

5 (b) Seek to provide a streamlined and customer-oriented permit
6 service, including by providing information or technical assistance
7 to permit applicants where appropriate; and

8 (c) Model the omnibus permit program implementation on the
9 coordinated permit process open to projects of statewide
10 significance under chapter 43.42 RCW.

11 (4) The department may initially limit the scope and scale of
12 the pilot omnibus permitting program, but must seek to eventually
13 incorporate as many products and areas within the program as is
14 feasible. By July 15, 2019, the department must initiate the pilot
15 omnibus permitting program by selecting at least one county and
16 category of clean alternative fuels for which the omnibus permitting
17 process will be available.

18 (5) The department may not charge an additional fee for the use
19 of the omnibus permitting process that it develops under this
20 section. This subsection does not limit the obligation of a person
21 using the omnibus permitting process to obtain individual permits
22 incorporated within the omnibus permitting process.

23 (6) By July 15, 2023, the department must submit a report to the
24 legislature regarding the implementation of the pilot program. The
25 report must include recommendations for reducing the regulatory
26 burdens on forest product and food producers."

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28 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires that by January 15, 2020, the Department of
Agriculture (Department) must establish a pilot program to create an
omnibus permitting process for businesses that process or engage in
clean alternative fuels. Requires the Department to submit a report
to the Legislature regarding the implementation of the pilot program
by July 15, 2023.

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